

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 833
Version: As introduced

DATE: March 8, 2013

Authors: Fischer and others

Subject: Transfer of the Harambee community school to the Roseville School District

Analyst: Tim Strom

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd/hrd.htm.

Overview

Harambee elementary school serves more than 430 students as an integration magnet school operated by the East Metro Integration District (EMID). EMID is a joint powers association of ten school districts located in the East Metro area formed to provide collaborative integration services to its member school districts. Among other programs, EMID operates two schools, Harambee and Crosswinds. The EMID board has decided to stop operating these two schools and seeks to transfer the programs to other providers of educational services.

Harambee's students come from EMID's member districts with the majority of the students coming from the St. Paul, North St. Paul-Oakdale-Maplewood, Roseville, and South Washington County school districts. A portion of the facility costs at the Harambee school were financed through the sale of state general obligation bonds.

This bill facilitates the transfer of the Harambee school from EMID to Independent School District No. 623, Roseville.

Section

1 Harambee community school transition.

Subd. 1. Facilities. Authorizes EMID to transfer any real or personal property to the Roseville School District.

Subd. 2. Student enrollment. Allows any student who is currently enrolled at the Harambee school to continue attending that school in subsequent years. Allows other

Section

students to apply to attend Harambee school according to the process established by the Roseville school board.

Subd. 3. Compensatory revenue. A school's compensatory revenue is calculated on the count of free and reduced meal eligible pupils served by that school site in the previous year (the proposed transfer of the facility will create a new school unit that will not have a compensatory count for the previous year).

Subd. 4. Year-round programming. Allows the Harambee school to continue to operate on a year-round calendar (the school is on a calendar called the 45/15 calendar—45 days of instruction, 15 days off from school, with larger breaks in July and December).

Subd. 5. Pupil transportation. Authorizes the Roseville school board to continue to provide transportation services for the students attending the Harambee school that are reimbursed under the interdistrict desegregation transportation aid formula.